

REMARKS

Claims 1-23 have been cancelled. New claims 24-58 have been added. Therefore, claims 24-58 are presented for examination.

Applicant has amended the Title to more clearly reflect the claims as amended.

The Examiner has rejected claims under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as being anticipated by Tso. The Examiner has rejected claims under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Leong in view of Tso.

Tso discloses a communications system and a method for distributing information involving a server and a client connected to a network where the server selectively sends information to the client based on a filter (Abstract). The system automatically distributes electronic information to a targeted group of users (Column 2, lines 40-42). Instead of relying on the efforts of a user to find and retrieve information, Tso allows an InfoCast server to send information or a pointer to the information such as a uniform resource locator (URL) directly to the user (Column 1, lines 44-48). What information is sent to the user is dependent on various factors, including: the location of the user; the time of day; and the information contained in a user profile (Column 1, lines 48-50). Tso thus discloses a communication system which automatically sends certain types of information to particular users, without the user explicitly requesting it. Tso does not teach or suggest a system where a user specifically requests certain information, which is sent back to him or her. Rather, Tso teaches away from sending requested data, by focusing in automatically broadcast data, without requiring a user request.

The new claims focus on receiving a request from a user and identifying keywords in that request. As Tso does not receive user requests, Tso does not make the new claims obvious.

Leong teaches a method of performing a network management transaction between a network device and a remote device (Abstract). The method involves firstly performing a network management function relating to the network device (Column 3, 40-42). The network management function relating to the network device is performed in response to a network management request issued from the browser (Column 3, lines 52-54). The network management function may involve the retrieval of network management information, the allocation of a value of a network management object, or the setting of a trap on a network management object (Column 4, lines 6-9).

Leong focuses on network management, and does not address the above shortcoming to Tso. Therefore, the new claims are not obvious over Tso in view of Leong.

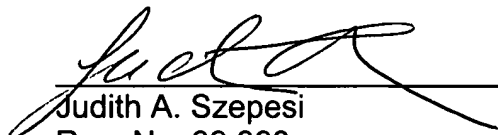
Applicant respectfully submits that the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite or assist in the allowance of the present application, the Examiner is invited to call Judith A. Szepesi at (408) 720-8300.

Please charge any shortages and credit any overages to Deposit Account No. 02-2666. Any necessary extension of time for response not already requested is hereby requested. Please charge any corresponding fee to Deposit Account No. 02-2666.

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